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Point 1: The God of the church (1:4, 5a)

READ: Exodus 3:13–15; Isaiah 11:1, 2; Zechariah 4:1–6; Psalm 89:35–37

REFLECT: How do these verses help you better understand how John is describing the Triune God in Revelation 1:4-5a? What does each explanation reveal about the Lord? How does each person of the Trinity give grace and peace? Why is grace and peace necessary for us as we live out what is explained in the Revelation?

RESPOND: Where do you personally need to grow in your understanding of the Trinity? What person of the Trinity do you tend to “neglect”?

Point 2: The identity of the church (1:5b, 6a)

READ: Exodus 19:4–6; 1 Peter 2:9, 10; Colossians 1:13, 14

REFLECT: What do these verses, coupled with those in Revelation 1, reveal about the identity of the church? What does it mean for the church to be a kingdom? What does it mean for the church to be priests?

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Point 3: The worship of the church (1:6b, 7)

READ: 1 Peter 4:10, 11; Romans 11:33–36

REFLECT: What do these verses teach us about our worship? How is worship central to the book of Revelation?

RESPOND: How does your theology (the study and knowledge of God) lead to doxology (worship of God)? Why is theology without doxology useless?

Point 4: The hope of the church (1:7, 8)

READ: Daniel 7:13, 14; Zechariah 12:10–13:1; Acts 2:32–41

REFLECT: How do Daniel and Zechariah help you understand what is going on in Revelation 1:7? How do you see the “wailing” explained in Acts 2:32–41?

RESPOND: Does seeing Revelation 1:7 as the ascension of Jesus (explained in Daniel 7:13, 14 and Acts 2:32–41) challenge how you have traditionally seen this verse? How so? What hope do you find in the names of the Lord in Revelation 1:8?

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